

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 17, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 10-18 remain in the Application, where claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice by this amendment, and claims 1 and 4 are independent.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claim 9 contains patentable subject matter. By means of the present amendment, independent claims 1 and 4 have been amended to include the features of allowable claim 9 which have been canceled without prejudice.

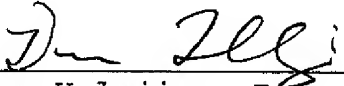
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 4 should be allowable. In additions, claims 2-3, 5-8 and 10-18 should be allowable at least based on their dependence

from independent claims 1 and 4.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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